(e) whether Government propose to provide modern training to the forces to contain terrorism and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMICHINMAYANAND): (a) There is a slight decline in terrorist activities in this year (till June 2003) as compared to the corresponding period of 2002.

(b) 180 Pak backed terrorist modules have been busted by the Central and State security forces in various parts of the country during the last 5 years resulting in arrest of 596 persons. Besides, 94 espionage modules have also been detected during the same period.

(c) In order to optimize intelligence flows and coordination between multifarious agencies in the field of counter-intelligence and counter terrorism, a Multi Agencey Centre (MAC) has been created in Intelligence Bureau at Delhi, supported by Subsidiary Multi Agency Centres at Srinagar, Guwahati, Kolkata, Mumbai and Hyderabad. The Joint Task Force on Intelligence (JTFI) in the IB has been created for coordinating and synergizing the efforts of the Intelligence Wings of the Central Police Organisations and the special branches of the State Police Forces.

(d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, the Central Government does not maintain information on loss of property. However, as per available information, 1091 persons including security forces have been killed in J&K, NE and the naxalite affected States so far during the year.

(e) Recognizing the need for modernizing the State Police Forces to enable them to deal with diverse threats to internal security more effectively, a scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces which also takes care of the training needs of the Security Forces has been in vogue.

Justice Mukherjee Commission on disappearance of Netaji

1104. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 809 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2002 and state whether Justice Mukherjee Commission has submitted its report to the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): The Justice Mukherjee Commission has not yet submitted its report. Its term has been extended upto 14.11.2003.

Identity Cards to citizens

1105. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1216 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2001 and state:

(a) the details of the scheme finalized target set and progress made on the preparation of an inventory of citizens as well as issuing identity cards to the citizens and non-citizens resident in the country; and

(b) the present status of implementation of issuing Work Permit to the non-citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Since creating a database of the entire population of the country is a gigantic task, which requires in-depth examination of all the relevant issues, it has been decided by the Government to undertake a Pilot Project on an experimental basis. The Pilot Project has since been initiated in April, 2003 covering a few sub-districts in the selected districts of 13 States and Union Territories. The main scheme will be launched after taking into account experience and lessons drawn from the Pilot Project.

(b) The Group of Ministers, in their Report on 'Reforming the National Security System', has recommended introduction of a 'Work Permit for Foreigners' scheme as a measures to curb illegal migration, to begin with for Bangladesh and Myanmar nationals; Discussions have been held with Government of Bangladesh in this regard. However, a scheme is yet to be finalized.

Purulia arms-drop case

1106. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to free Peter Bleach, the key accused in Purulia arms drop case;